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## PRESS RELEASE

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DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2001 / 7:35 PM  
NATURE OF CALL: OVERDUE SKIER  
LOCATION OF CALL: SQUAW VALLEY SKI CORP.  
CASE NUMBER: SO01-21658

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On 12-18-01 at approximately 7:35 PM, the Placer County Sheriff's Department was called regarding a lost skier at the Squaw Valley Ski Corp., 1960 Squaw Valley Rd.

The reporting party said that he last saw his friend, Evan Matteo, a 29 year old white male on the Granite Chief Chair Lift at approximately 11:30 AM. The two had made an agreement to meet at a bar at the base of the resort by 4:00 PM, should they get separated. The reporting party waited for Evan to show up, but he never did. At approximately 6:15 PM, Squaw Valley Public Safety was notified of the overdue skier.

An immediate response of 11 Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Ski Team Members and other Placer County resources were activated. Four members of the Squaw Valley Ski Patrol and three employees of Squaw Valley Ski Corp. were initiated. Their objective has been to locate any obvious ski tracks leading away from groomed trails into out of bounds areas.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is currently working with the California Office of Emergency Services to secure outside agencies to assist with the search. Placer County Sheriff's Air Operations is scheduled to fly the area at first light. With the impending storms forecasted, and extreme cold conditions, time is of the essence in this search.

**Missing person information:** Evan Matteo, 29 years old, white, male, 5-10, 180 pounds, brown hair and eyes, wearing a brown stocking cap, an orange "mountain Hardware" ski jacket, black bib snow pants, black ski boots and red "Atomic" skis. He is from San Francisco, Ca. and he is described as a low level advanced skier who is in good health and likes to ski in the trees.

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